



Media Relations Information for March 3, 2020

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## LPPD continues increased DWI enforcement using a state grant



The La Porte Police Department (LPPD) continues increased traffic enforcement efforts thanks to ongoing assistance from a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) grant. The targeted waves of enforcement will include Spring Break (March 6 - March 23, 2020), Independence Day (June 26 - July 12, 2020), and Labor Day (August 21 -September 7, 2020). With this grant, additional LPPD officers will be deployed during each of these holiday periods on an overtime basis, to watch for impaired drivers on local roadways. Anyone operating a vehicle and found to be intoxicated will be arrested. Suspected intoxicated drivers who refuse to provide a breath test will be the subject of a search warrant and have their blood drawn for blood alcohol level testing.

All of TXDOT's S.T.E.P. (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) campaigns are designed to reduce both motor vehicle accidents and the residual effects incurred by impaired motorists. The programs have consistently proven to reduce injuries, fatalities, and property damage along major thoroughfares and at high-collision/high-density intersections.

Residents are reminded to drive safely, and may take comfort in knowing additional traffic enforcement officers are monitoring local roadways. For more information on La Porte Police Department's involvement in the state's various S.T.E.P. programs, please contact them at 281-842-3165.